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Red Ribbon Week T-Shirt Winners



The following students won Drug Free t-shirts as a part of Red Ribbon week at Evergreen Elementary School. They are: Ryan Stasa, Emma Vance, Chloe Smith, Collin Loeffler, Sara Schwert, Zack Floyd, Tyler Noe, Gabby Jennings, Josh Laux, Lauren Shafer, Andrew Markley, Lucy Mohr, Wes Allen, and Sydney Parker. All the elementary students participated in signing a banner pledging to stay drug free. The Evergreen Elementary Parents Association (EEPA) sponsored the activity.

2006-07 Testing Program Begins

The 2006-07 Proficiency Testing Program began this fall with the third grade reading achievement test. Seventy-seven Evergreen third graders took the reading achievement test the first week in October. The results were great. Seventy-four percent of the third graders scored at proficiency or better. This compares very favorable to 61% state wide. The average score by Evergreen's third graders was 415 compared to a state average score of 406. Fifty-two percent of Evergreen third graders scored in the "Accelerated" and "Advanced" levels of reading achievement, this compares to 40% state wide.

State achievement tests will continue in late March and early April in the following grades and subject matter.

- Grade 3 Reading and Mathematics
- Grade 4 Reading, Mathematics and Writing
- Grade 5 Reading, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies
- Grade 6 Reading and Mathematics
- Grade 7 Reading, Mathematics and Writing
- Grade 8 Reading, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies
- Grade 10 (GOT) Reading, Mathematics, Writing, Science and Social Studies
- Grade 11 (GOT) Reading, Mathematics, Writing, Science and Social Studies

In order for Evergreen Schools, to maintain its "Excellent" rating, 75% of the students in each grade level must have scores of proficient or better in each subject tested.

FFA says, "Napoleon Dynamite and Pedro, move over!!!"

By: Ellie Simon, FFA Reporter

Napoleon Dynamite and Pedro have nothing on our FFA Dairy Cattle and Products Teams.

On Wednesday, October 18, 2006 the Evergreen FFA Dairy Cattle and Products Teams traveled to Edgerton, OH for the District 1 Dairy Career Development Event (CDE).

The Dairy Products CDE is divided into six different areas consisting of cheese identification, determining mastitis, identification of real and artificial products, milker defects, off flavors in milk and a multiple choice test.



Dairy Products Team: Kayne Simmons, Devin Pedue, Jake Garrett, Derrick Eichler, Liz Spencer, Breanna Williams, and Lizzie Hoge

The Dairy Products Teams consisted of: Derrick Eichler, Jake Garrett, Lizzie Hoge, Devin Pedue, Kayne Simmons, Liz Spencer, and Breanna Williams. The team placed 7th out of 14 teams with Devin Pedue placing 12th out of 92 individuals.



Dairy Cattle Team: Jessics Sexton, Kasey Riegsecker, Josh Beaverson, Ellie Simon, and Zack Willson.

The team for the Dairy Cattle CDE must place four classes of cows and heifers and answer 5 objective questions on each class, evaluate one pedigree, place one class for sire selection, evaluate four cows using a linear evaluation chart, and take a written test.

The Dairy Cattle Team consisted of: Josh Beaverson, Kasey Riegsecker, Jessica Sexton, Ellie Simon, and Zach Willson. The team placed 9th out of 17 teams with Josh Beaverson placing 19th out of 110 individuals.

Congratulations Dairy Cattle and Products Teams on a job well done.

Evergreen Board Considers Random Drug Testing

The Evergreen Local Board of Education is considering joining with the Swanton Local Board of Education to implement a random drug testing policy for all students involved in competitive school activities. The Swanton Board of Education has received a Federal Grant to implement a random drug testing with a requirement to partner with a neighboring school district. According to the grant one school will be chosen to start drug testing at the start of the 2007-08 school year with the other district to start 4 to 6 months later. The Federal Government will determine which school district starts testing first.

The drug testing program will involve basically athletes who participate on organized sport teams sponsored by each school. All athletes will be put in a pool and randomly selected for testing. Approximately 15-20% of the pool will be tested every two weeks during the school year. Selection and testing of students will be done at the school site, during the school day by a testing firm employed specifically for this purpose. Cost for the drug testing program will be paid by the grant.

Athletes who test positive for drug use will be subject to the discipline code for athletes at each school.

The purpose of implementing a random drug testing policy for athletes is to discourage the use of drugs and alcohol by those who participate in competitive activities.

Evergreen Schools Rated Excellent



Ohio State Board of Education President, Sue Westendorf, presented Evergreen Board President, Gary Pennington, a banner in recognition of the School District's Excellent rating on the 2005-06 report card at the Board's regular meeting on November 20. Mrs. Westendorf complemented the Board, administration, staff, students and community for their commitment to educational excellence in the school district. Mrs. Westendorf challenged the Board to support and encourage a high level of learning for the students of Evergreen Schools as expectations continue to increase and maintaining an excellent rating will be more and more difficult.

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